

ORGANIZATIONS IN APRIL MEETINGS

Short Story Club Enjoys Its Bi-Monthly Session.

Excelsior Literary Club Meets With Mrs. Willis.

Lodges and Societies Busy With Local Affairs.

The bi-monthly session of Short Story Club on Tuesday with program in charge of Mrs. Josiah Shinn was a literary and social success, in spite of falling April showers. President F. V. De Coster was in the chair.

Mrs. C. L. Macaulay played and sang that old, yet ever popular song, "Sweet Alice Ben Bolt."

Miss Mildred P. Henault read the original story of the evening entitled "A Double Reunion," founded on a romance of the war days of '61, and having its happy culmination forty years later, when "He and She," grown gray with the flight of years, but still loyal to the early love, though each believed the other dead, met face to face in one of Washington's beautiful parks during the G. A. R. encampment a few years ago.

"The Simple Life," as described by Mrs. Josiah Shinn in an original paper, was one of the distinct hits of the evening, being a most clever satire on those who prefer the many discomforts of "light housekeeping" in some third-story back room in a "swell" neighborhood to the more comfortable and commodious quarters afar from the fashionable city.

Mrs. R. L. Townsend sang to her own accompaniment, "Love is a Flower," "The Ghost of Oxen Hill," a fascinating but most "uncanny" story of spookland, was the original contribution of Mrs. W. W. Case, supplemented by a verbal story along the same "creepy" lines, related by Dr. George Hyde Lee.

Mrs. Mero L. Tanner contributed four short but excellent original poems, bearing the titles, "The Reckless Rider," "Cupid's Methods," and "Lines to a Disappointment," the latter having had the temerity to be born a girl instead of the "superior sex."

Capt. W. W. Case from his "Emergency Fund," when others fail, read humorous extracts from Mr. Dooley's philosophy of life. "The Irishman's First Ride in an Elevator," and "Paddy at Niagara," concluding with the "Letter from Purgatory," received by the Irish girl who associated this halting place with the Dead Letter Office from which her missive had been returned.

Mrs. Macaulay gave a spirited interpretation of "Finnegan to Flannegan," which for unique brevity stands first in rank.

EXCELSIOR LITERARY CLUB ENJOYABLY ENTERTAINED

The Excelsior Literary Club held its last meeting at the Porter, Mrs. Willis as hostess.

The trend of this club, one of the oldest in Washington, is toward broad culture, and the scope of its study is thorough, taking up prominent events and personages during the period under consideration, with its architecture, literature, artists and politics. Many of its papers during the past season would do credit to other salons on the Hill.

Roll-call was unusually interesting. Mrs. Barringer recited a poem entitled "Golden Hair."

Mrs. Willis read a quaint allegorical poem.

Mrs. Emerson responded with a prose reading on the joys and responsibilities of friendship.

An invitation was extended by the Potomac Club to attend one of its meetings. Letters were read from Mesdames Foster, Main, and McCulloch and one from Librarian Bowerman offering the resources of the public library to co-operate with the club in their course of study, which was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Webb played a charming "Flower Song" on the piano.

Mrs. Seelye read the paper of the day on the "Sepoy Rebellion," with many graphic pictures of that stirring time.

Miss Chamberlin supplemented the paper with many additional remarks from her storehouse of knowledge.

Emerson read a short paper on Milton and gave a list of his best works.

Mrs. Alexander read one on Thackeray, a summary of his literary genius, pecuniary trials, and erratic personality.

Mrs. Dr. Baker gave a description of St. James Palace to which the public are no longer admitted. Mrs. Seelye read a short sketch of Canavara. After refreshments the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Powell, 1518 U street northwest.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ART CLUB ENTERTAINED

The Columbia Heights Art Club met at the home of Mrs. Pyles, on Thursday, April 13, at Stanley Hall, National Soldiers' Home, with Colonel Campbell in command.

Encouraging reports were delivered for the first quarter of the year, two new members were initiated, and short remarks were made by Mrs. Ida B. Roe, national president; Mrs. J. M. Chase, Miss Gorham, Mrs. A. B. Eaton, Mrs. Rogers, and others.

The report of the relief committee was especially gratifying.

Kelton Regiment, No. 18.

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Routine business was quickly finished so that the comrades could meet socially with the department commander and his staff, who were present at this session.

Many cordial handshakes were exchanged as comrades met and recalled to each other some experience of the old time war period, in which both were engaged. Commander Hawley made some pleasing remarks, and was followed by Lieutenant Colonel Carey, who

from Emperor William. Mrs. Schneider read selections from the life of the Kaiser, from a book presented to Mr. Schneider by the author, Mr. Bigelow, who was a boyhood friend of the Emperor.

For the miscellaneous program Prof. Carr played on the piano the opera of "William Tell," and responded to encore with other beautiful selections. The club then adjourned to meet with Mrs. Engle, 706 North Carolina avenue, Thursday, April 20.

CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLE INITIATES SEVEN MEMBERS

Notwithstanding the storm of last Monday night, seven new members were present at Congressional Circle to be initiated into the Order of the Protected Home Circle. The inclement weather seemed to make their obligation the more impressive, as Vice President Jones, admirably exemplified the degree work, assisted by the past president of Capitol Circle.

The committee on entertainment reported progress on the free stereopticon lecture booked for April 27, at Pythian Temple, by having secured six fine soloists for the illustrated songs. After the transaction of business the circle gave a card party and prizes were awarded to the successful players, also a booby prize, which was captured by a member of Capitol Circle, No. 315. E. H. Telleam delivered an interesting address on "The Good of the Order."

District Deputy Robert B. Harbaugh, assisted by members of Congressional and Capitol Circles, instituted a new lodge in Southeast Washington last Thursday night, with about thirty charter members, and the following officers were elected:

Past president, Mrs. Eschid; president, Mrs. Estes; vice president, Mr. Kuben; guard, Mrs. Campbell; chaplain, Miss Rena Speaks; secretary, Miss Nellie Speaks; treasurer, Mrs. Franklin; guide, Mr. P. H. Smith; companion, Miss Nettie Chambers; porter, G. Fugitt; watchman, Mr. Hahn; accountant, Mr. Franklin.

The new lodge will be known as Pythian Circle, and will meet every Thursday night at McCauley's Hall, 255 Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Addresses were delivered by E. H. Telleam, Charles S. Jones, R. B. Harbaugh, and others.

URGES THE OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

In the general order issued by direction of Gen. A. M. Legg, commander-in-chief of the Union Veterans' Union, appears the following clause relating to Memorial Day services:

"Memorial Day is a birthright of the Grand Army of the Republic, as it was a conception of the founder of that glorious and world-famous organization, who was a grand soldier and did magnificent service at the battle's front, and nearly all of our members being members of that order, the commander-in-chief urges that we all participate with the Grand Army of the Republic in observing its functions of its beautiful service in honor and in memory of our heroic and sacred dead."

"It is a nation's tribute, and all loyal citizens should unite in observing it."

He again urges upon all members the full recognition of these facts, and of the additional fact that there is no better way to keep alive in the heart of the nation that true patriotism which will, if need be, sacrifice all that the life of a citizen may be perpetuated, than for all loyal citizens to unite as one with the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in doing honor to the graves of our patriotic dead on the 30th of May, the nation's Memorial Day.

Official Visits Made.

During the week official visits of Department Commander Gen. A. C. Hawley and staff were made to W. S. Hancock Regiment, No. 1, and John C. Kelton Regiment, No. 18. The commander feels much gratified with the interest and activity shown during the past quarter by those regiments.

Col. E. J. Block, chief of staff, who is at Atlantic City for a short rest, is expected to return to his desk early next week.

Two new regiments are being recruited at Baltimore, and will be installed by the department commander and his staff next week, and a large number of comrades from the precinct regiments have signified their intention to attend.

Col. S. J. Block, chief of staff, and chairman of the employment committee, has reported that action has been taken toward the reinstatement of several comrades of the U. V. U., favorably, and that they will shortly resume their official duties in the Government service.

Logan Regiment, No. 2.

John A. Logan Regiment, No. 2, Union Veterans' Union, assembled at their armory 719 Sixth street northwest, last Tuesday, with Col. F. E. Bogia in command, for the purpose of electing delegates to the department encampment, which assemblies in this city in June.

The following delegates were elected: Lieut. John Hammond, Major A. J. Eaton, Surgeon D. J. Byrnes, Lieut. Col. Hazard Wheeler, and Comrades Horace Pardo and Charles S. Noske, their alternates being J. F. Simonds, Henry C. Watson, John Dwyer, S. R. Stratton, T. V. Whed, and G. W. Allen.

Resolutions of condolence with Comrade J. F. Ryan for the death of his wife were passed.

After business a smoker was indulged in.

The regular bi-weekly meeting of John A. Logan Auxiliary, U. V. U., Women's Union Veteran Relief Union, was held Tuesday at their hall, 721 Sixth street northwest.

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spoke of incidents of Indian warfare participated in by himself and other comrades. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation, on behalf of the Department of the Potomac by Col. Charles L. Eaton to Col. Alexander Campbell, of an engrossed colonel's commission.

ROYAL ARCANUM BUILDING SOUGHT BY THE ORDER

For some time past the members of the Royal Arcanum in the District have had in view the erection of a building for their accommodation and that of the grand council of this jurisdiction, as well as members of the order visiting the National Capital.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. John W. Hodges, William W. Chase, Dr. Thomas Calver, and Smith Thompson, Jr., with authority to devise ways and means for the erection of such a structure, which reported a short while ago to the effect that a company be incorporated, to be known as "The Royal Arcanum Building Company," with a capitalization of \$50,000, shares \$1 each, fully paid and non-assessable, and the subscriber to the stock to have an undivided vested interest in all property and property rights of the company.

This report was unanimously adopted, and on February 3 last the company was incorporated under the laws of the District. Upon the adoption of this report the incorporators met and elected the following trustees, who are to serve for the ensuing year:

Edmond Mallet, Jr., Claude R. Zaphron, John B. Biddle, John W. Hodges, James D. Terrell, J. Edward Swaine, Edward T. Kaiser, William W. Chase, and Charles J. James, all of whom are prominent members of the order in this jurisdiction.

DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO HOLD MASS MEETING

The District branch of the King's Daughters and Sons will have a mass meeting on Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the Western Presbyterian Church on H street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets northwest.

Mrs. Beatrice Whitney, member of Central Council, and Dr. George Bailey, pastor of the church, will address the meeting. All members and others interested are cordially invited.

GREEN-ACRE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD PEACE CONFERENCE

A peace conference will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in All Souls' Church, corner Fourteenth and L streets northwest, by the Washington branch of the Green-Acre Association, under the auspices of the Unitarian Church. The Hon. William C. Chandler, of New Hampshire, will preside.

Miss Sarah J. Farmer, who established the now celebrated School of Liberal Thought at Green-Acre-on-the-Piscataqua, in Maine, eleven years ago, will be present, and address the meeting, as well as several other distinguished speakers.

READINGS AND MUSIC FOR THE BLIND PEOPLE

Readings and music in the reading room for the blind of the Library of Congress have been arranged as follows for this week:

Tuesday, reading by Mrs. Fred T. DuBois; Thursday, an hour of vocal and instrumental music under direction of Miss Allen Bell; Saturday, reading by Miss Noyes.

ROCKVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 15.—The Montgomery County Teachers' Association held its regular meeting in the court house here today.

Prof. R. W. Stout, of Damascus, presided. Teachers came from all sections of the county.

After the opening exercises, roll call and reports of the standing committees, there was an address to the teachers by Prof. Fearnow, of Darnestown.

William A. Baker gave an excellent talk on the subject, "Good Order: What It Is on the School Grounds." "School Penalties, Proper and Improper," was the subject of a talk by Miss Lizzie A. Veirs, Miss Hattie J. Montgomery spoke on the subject of "Practical Nature Study in Schools," and Miss Myrtle Bruscup discussed "Busy Work for Primary Grades."

Prof. S. A. Lehman gave an excellent talk on "What Is Due From the Teacher of the County Teachers' Association," and many of the teachers entered a discussion afterward.

A marriage license was issued here this morning to C. Malby Bryant, aged twenty-four years, and Miss Rosa V. Wiley, aged twenty-one years, both of Vienna, Va. They were married before leaving town.

A MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

"In my garden," said a resident of Brookline, "I dug last fall a hole three feet deep, thirty feet long and thirty feet wide. I filled this hole with water. I made an artificial lake out of it. Today that artificial lake is full of fish. Where did they come from? I didn't put them there."

"The question you ask me," replied the biologist, "has been asked me many times before. Innumerable men, building artificial lakes, have like you, been mystified to find these lakes spontaneously producing hosts of fish."

"This is the secret of the matter. Fish-eating birds, the gull and hawk and so on, settle on these new waters, drop into them from their bills fish spawn—the crumbs, so to speak, of a recent meal—and these crumbs propagate, become fish. Thus, in time we have an apparent miracle, an artificial lake spontaneously producing hundreds of fishy denizens."—Chicago Chronicle.

The building is to be located in the central part of the city, somewhere between Ninth, Fourteenth, F and H streets northwest.

Pending the erection of the building the offices of the company are in rooms 423-424-425 Colorado building, where the secretary can be found at all hours for the transaction of business and the issuance of stock.

FREE LECTURE COURSE OF ECONOMIC LEAGUE

The Economic Educational League is conducting free lectures followed by public discussion on every Sunday night at Macabbee Temple, 517 Ninth street northwest, at 8 p. m.

The topic for tonight is "Socialism and Religion." William Y. Mahoney is the lecturer.

The public is invited.

TWO LITERARY CLUBS MAY SOON CONSOLIDATE

The Unity Literary Club and the Unity Club of 1874, which have been in active and forceful existence in this city for more than thirty years, working along the same literary, musical and social lines, are contemplating uniting into one organization, believing that "in union there is strength."

A joint committee meeting was held last Thursday evening at the Alhambra, the chairman of which were the representatives of the two clubs.

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NEW STAMPING MACHINE NOW PLACED ON TRIAL

Mechanism Expected to Facilitate Making Up Mails at the Postoffice.

Postmaster Merritt is trying a new stamping machine in the city postoffice. The machine is the most elaborate yet gotten out by any postal supply establishment. The prominent feature which distinguishes it from others is the automatic minute, hour and date stamp. As letters are now stamped, the hour and minute figures are changed by hand every half hour, but on the new machine the minute, hour and day are changed automatically by a clock.

The machine is perfect in its mechanism, being operated by electricity, and having a stamping capacity of 30,000 an hour, or 500 a minute. The new apparatus is the product of a Chicago company.

There are now four big stamping machines in the city postoffice, two in the mailing division and two in the delivery division, and they stamp about 300,000 letters and postal cards a day. There are two hand feeding stamps in the mailing division which are used in times of unusually heavy mails.

In the delivery division there is a machine which does almost all of the work for Major Bell, and if the new machine proves satisfactory, many of the work will have to see the old standby go. For several years it has ground out thousands of letters each day. In the last two or three years it is probable that more than 100,000,000 letters and postal cards have gone through this machine.

KNOW THE SIZE.

A Baltimore man tells a story of a friend of his who recently became engaged to a charming young girl.

The happy lover chanced to be in a fashionable shop when his eye caught a glimpse of a jeweled belt that seemed to him an acceptable gift for his fiancée. He asked a clerk to place an assortment of the belts on the counter.

"Ladies' belts," queried the polite salesman. "Certainly, sir, what size?"

The prospective bridegroom blushed. "Really," he stammered, "I don't know." And he gazed about him helplessly for a moment or so. Finally a happy thought appeared to strike him. "Can't you let me have a yardstick for a moment?" he asked. The yardstick being forthwith produced, he placed it along the inside of his arm from shoulder to wrist. Then looking up at the clerk, he exclaimed, triumphantly, "Twenty inches!"—Harper's Weekly.

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NEW YORK TURNS OVER PRISONER TO NEW JERSEY

ALBANY, April 15.—The requisition of Governor Stokes, of New Jersey, for the extradition of Alfred Costello, who is wanted in New Jersey to serve two years of an unexpired term, was granted by Governor Higgins.

Costello, who was a paroled prisoner in New Jersey, broke his parole by committing subsequent crimes. He is now serving in Clinton prison, Dannemora, for a burglary, committed in this State.

CHAMPION.

"Talking of actors," said Lowe Comedy, "Stormer certainly is the champion of the century."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Hi Tragedy, "he's a hum!"

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